

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—Thursday, June 14, 2001

The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. ISAKSON).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
June 14, 2001.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JOHNNY ISAKSON to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Reverend Scott A. Dornbush, Van and Ben Wheeler United Methodist Churches, Van, Texas, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, fountain of all wisdom, guide and direct us in the work before us.

Help us to remember that the Stars and Stripes of our flag represent the needs of a great and diverse people as well as the sacrifice of many who have made possible the freedom we enjoy.

Grant to us Your wisdom as we seek to bring comfort to those suffering the pain of poverty, conviction to those knowing the apathy of affluence, and freedom to those whose path is obstructed. Tune our ears this day, not only to the cry of the mighty, but also to the muffled silence of those without voice. May the work of our hands insure justice for all.

Bless our President and the United States of America. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. CARDIN led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed a bill of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 1029. An act to clarify the authority of the Department of Housing and Urban Development with respect to the use of fees during fiscal year 2001 for the manufactured housing program.

REVEREND SCOTT DORNBUSH

(Mr. HALL of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize again the Reverend Scott Dornbush of Van, Texas in my district who offered the opening prayer as our guest chaplain today.

Reverend Dornbush has served as pastor of the Van, Texas and Ben Wheeler, Texas United Methodist Churches since 1997. Each Sunday, Reverend Dornbush delivers three sermons, two in Van and one in Ben Wheeler, which is 10 miles away. As he says with good humor, "That's the way it's done in East Texas."

Reverend Dornbush is actively involved in numerous projects that reflect his commitment to the social implications of the Gospel. He has volunteered at crisis centers for abused women and children, initiated counseling groups, and authored and presented a paper on ministering to abusive families.

His churches also reflect his leadership and are well-known for their mission efforts. They provide foods for over 100 families and distribute, and this is unbelievable, over three tons of fresh produce. The churches also offer preschool and child care.

I want to commend Reverend Dornbush and those in his congregation for their efforts in meeting the needs of those in their communities through these service-based programs.

We know from experience that local citizens and local organizations have a better understanding of their communities' needs and how to meet these needs. We know that some of the most successful efforts have been sponsored by our churches and other faith-based groups.

Mr. Speaker, the time has come to include these viable programs in Federal efforts to improve the lives of our citizens, and I look forward to working with my colleagues to make this hap-

pen. I am pleased to welcome Reverend Dornbush today.

I want to also express my appreciation for the Guest Chaplain program which provides a vital spiritual link between Washington and our faith-based communities throughout America.

I thank Reverend Dornbush.

COLONEL HUGO S. VALDIVIA

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to honor my congressional constituent, Colonel Hugo Valdivia, for his 25 years of service to our country in the United States Air Force.

Tomorrow will be Colonel Valdivia's formal retirement at the Pentagon and I wanted us to show our gratitude for his years of dedication to our country.

Colonel Valdivia had recently been at the Pentagon, where he had been hand-picked to serve as the Deputy Director for Information Warfare. He serves as the Air Force Advisor on the National Security Panels to the Defense Science Board and the Joint Chiefs of Staff's Quadrennial Review of military missions and forces structure.

During his distinguished career, Colonel Valdivia has received numerous accolades, including being selected by the National Security Agency as a finalist in a worldwide competition for information security accomplishments.

The Colonel has also been the Chief of the Information Assurance Division for the U.S. European Command. In addition, Colonel Valdivia was the Director for Computer Operations and Software Development for NORAD.

Please join me in showing Colonel Valdivia our gratitude for his sterling service to our country. He joins us here today with his family.

FLAG DAY

(Mr. CARDIN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. Speaker, today marks the 224th birthday of the United States flag. The Stars and Stripes represents our spirit as a Nation, our unity as people, and our commitment to democracy throughout the world.

Today, Americans will pause for a moment as they reflect on this great Nation. I am proud that my district includes Fort McHenry. Tonight at 7